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Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Dear Sir:

Claims 1-40 are pending in this application, claims 12-17 and 22-40 of which are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-11 and 18-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) in view of the proposed combination of U.S. Patent 5,331,619 to Barnum et al. and U.S. Patent 6,044,857 to Stege. Additionally, claims 20-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) in view of the proposed combination of Barnum et al.; Stege; and U.S. Patent 3,205,323 to Deshautreaux Jr.

Applicant hereby appeals the rejection of claims 1-9 and 18-19 under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) in view of the proposed combination of Barnum et al. and Stege. Applicant also appeals the rejection of claims 20-21 under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) in view of the proposed combination of Barnum et al., Stege and Deshautreaux Jr.

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